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FOR RAUER H. MEYER, DIRECTOR, OEA

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN COMPUTER PROBLEMS

1. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM IBM IS TO THE EFFECT THAT ROMANIA WILL BECOME ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CEMA COUNTRIES RYAD II PROGRAM.

2. CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR INFORMATICS (ICI) IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING PROCUREMENT OF 370/158 SYSTEM AS TOP DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR ORGANIZATION. ANY INFORMATION TEAM CAN DEVELOP AS TO FUTURE ROLE OF ROMANIA IN RYAD PROGRAM VIS A VIS FUTURE OF FELIX COMPUTER PROGRAM REQUESTED.

3. IBM ALSO DISCUSSING PROPOSED SALE OF 370/145, INCLUDING 3330 DISC DRIVES TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FOR POLICE FUNCTIONS. ORGANIZATION VIEWED IN CIRCUMSPECT LIGHT RE U.S. POSITION ON POTENTIAL CONTROL OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS. ANY CLARIFICATION OF ACTIVITY OF THIS ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBTAINED REQUESTED.

4. MEMOREX (DOUGLAS) HAS INFORMED OEA THAT IN COURSE OF RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA HE DETERMINED THAT LIST OF END USERS OF COMPUTERS PROPOSED FOR ENHANCEMENT WITH MEMOREX DISC DRIVES WHICH WAS BASIS OF APPROVAL HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED BY ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. DISC DRIVES APPARENTLY USED IN DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS AND ON COMPUTERS NOT IDENTIFIED IN MEMOREX LICENSE APPLICATIONS. ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES UNDERSTOOD IN PROCESS OF RECONCILING ACTUAL RECIPIENTS OF MEMOREX DISC DRIVES VS END USERS IDENTIFIED ON APPROVED MEMOREX APPLICATIONS. SUBJECT OF VALIDITY OF END USERS IDENTIFIED ON U.S. FIRM LICENSE APPLICATIONS MAY COME UP IN COURSE OF VISIT. DOUGLAS ASSERTS THAT END USERS OF FELIX C-256 COMPUTERS IDENTIFIED AS RECIPIENTS OF CDC TYPE 9742 DISC DRIVES REPRESENTS PROSPECTS AND NOT ACTUAL END USERS BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ROMANIANS. KISSINGER

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